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AGONIST

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

~~Delete~~ claims 1 through 141 and insert new claims 142 through 172.

-- 142. A method of inhibiting fibrosis in a patient said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of somatostatin or a somatostatin agonist to said patient.

143. A method of claim 142, wherein said method comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a somatostatin agonist to said patient.

144. A method of claim 143, wherein said fibrosis is in the kidney, in the lung, in the liver, in the skin, of the central nervous system, in bone or bone marrow, in the cardiovascular system, in an endocrine organ and or in the gastro-intestinal system.

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